

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
TAKATOSHI HIROSE) : Examiner: Daniel C. Murray
Application No.: 10/551,174) : Group Art Unit: 2443
Filed: September 29, 2005) : Confirmation No.: 4239
For: INFORMATION PROCESSING)
APPARATUS AND CONNECTION :
CONTROL METHOD FOR)
JOINING A WIRELESS NETWORK :
(as amended)) October 27, 2010

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Commissioner for Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of each listed document that is not a U.S. patent document has been submitted herewith.

The documents, JP 11-008625 A and JP 2002-159053 A, are identified in an Office Action from the Japan Patent Office dated August 6, 2010, in connection with a counterpart application. A copy of the Office Action has been submitted herewith; no English translation thereof is presently available.

The documents, US 2002/0138671 A1, JP 10-341303 A, US 6,308,227 B1, WO 2004/098128 A1, and the document entitled “Wireless Transfer of Images From a Digital Camera to the Internet via a GSM Mobile Phone” are identified in a Search Report from the European Patent Office dated September 17, 2010, in connection with a counterpart application. A copy of the Search Report has been submitted herewith.

The documents, US 2002/0075229 A1, US 2002/0147819 A1, EP 1 229 724 A2, and WO 01/37497 A1, are identified in a Search Report from the European Patent Office dated September 23, 2010, in connection with a counterpart application. A copy of the Search Report has been submitted herewith.

An explanation of the relevance of JP 11-008625 A and JP 10-341303 A may be found in the English abstracts and the English translations attached thereto.

An explanation of the relevance of JP 2002-159053 A may be found in the English abstract attached thereto, and in U.S. Patents Nos. 6,782,260 B2 and 7,324,805 B2, which are in the same patent family.

The amount of \$180.00 for the fee required for consideration at this time is being paid concurrently; please charge any additional amount required, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

It is respectfully requested that the Office Action, the Search Reports, and the cited documents be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that the documents have been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should be directed to our address given below.

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